

Smart Meter Tobacco Science

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The Center for Public Integrity “was founded in 1989 by Charles Lewis, and is one of the country’s oldest and largest non-partisan, non-profit investigative news organizations.” The Center was awarded a Pulitzer Prize in 2014.

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/>

In February 2016, the Center published a series entitled “Science for Sale” focusing on tainting scientific safety research.

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/environment/science-sale>

As a result of the Center for Public Integrity report on corrupt science, a group of legislators, including Massachusetts Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, wrote to the National Institutes on Health. They requested that the National Library of Medicine make changes to the PubMed database of 25 million journal articles. They asked that conflicts of interest be revealed, in part so that policy makers are not misinformed.

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/03/31/19498/senators-seek-better-conflict-disclosures-scientific-articles>

The series on tainted science reported how Peter Valberg glossed over a cluster of 22 brain tumor deaths at a chemical plant.

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/02/10/19265/making-cancer-cluster-disappear>

The tainted science series reported that Valberg blamed illness caused by asbestos exposure on cigarettes. The lawyer he was working with was fired from his law firm due to the outrageous action.

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/2016/02/08/19223/meet-rented-white-coats-who-defend-toxic-chemicals>

The Center also reported that Gradient, where Peter Valberg works, publishes high volume tainted science defending harmful chemicals, especially in two journals that cater to unscrupulous scientists working on behalf of industry.

<https://www.publicintegrity.org/news/Regulatory-Toxicology>

Tobacco Science for Smart Meters

Peter Valberg is first and foremost a tobacco scientist.

<https://industrydocuments.library.ucsf.edu/tobacco/results/#q=peter%20valberg&h=%7B%22hideDuplicates%22%3Atrue%2C%22hideFolders%22%3Atrue%7D&subsite=tobacco&cache=true&count=347337>

Peter Valberg testified for Phillips Light cigarettes the same week the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities called on Valberg to override citizen health complaints concerning smart meters.

<https://www.truthinadvertising.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Phillips-v.-Philip-Morris-order-denying-class-cert-.pdf>

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dpu/orders/dpu-12-76-b-order-6-12-2014.pdf> (order is dated June 2014, DPU hearing was held in February, 2014)

Tobacco scientist Peter Valberg's influence on the smart meter health question extends far beyond Massachusetts.

The Smart Grid Consumer Collaborative, which has been likened to the Tobacco Research Council for its pro-industry stance, relied on the testimony of Peter Valberg to assure regulators, legislators, environmentalists, and other decision makers that smart meters pose no health risks.

<http://smartgridcc.org/are-smart-meters-a-threat-to-public-health/>

<http://smartgridcc.org/testimony-of-dr-peter-a-valberg/>

<http://smartgridcc.org/will-smart-meters-harm-your-health-no/>

In 2012, Mike Oldak of the Utilities Telecom Council misled legislators in a presentation of emerging issues associated with smart meters. He identified 2 expert resources on smart meters: Peter Valberg, of the notorious product defense firm Gradient, and two scientists for the equally notorious product defense firm Exponent. Both firms specialize in denying damages due to dangerous substances, including asbestos, tobacco, by using tainted science.

http://www.ncsl.org/documents/energy/oldak_ppt.pdf

Mike Oldak used an outdated Valberg quote denying that the World Health Organization found danger associated with radio frequency

exposures, when in fact the WHO International Agency on Research on Cancer classified RF as a possible human carcinogen in 2011.

http://www.iarc.fr/en/media-centre/pr/2011/pdfs/pr208_E.pdf

Americans, including Senators Markey and Warren, have to decide whether to continue to support a top-down agenda supported solely by tobacco science, or to regroup to insure scientific integrity,